

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air a biased and partisan documentary days before a tight presidential election is disappointing and should be called into question by the FCC.

People rely on media outlets to offer an objective view of the world at large. Unfortunately, every network and every journalist filters world events through the eyes of their personal experience. Offering a true diversity of media views, rather than the proliferation of a few through media consolidation, is in the best interests of our country and should be a priority for the FCC.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But public interest gets forgotten when a few powerful companies are in control and when only one-sided accounts are represented. Instead of an overtly biased piece, the American people should see people from their own communities speaking on the issues, giving equal airtime to supporters of each candidate.

Sinclair's actions reek of partisanship and show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. The FCC needs to enforce its rules and make Sinclair present an objective voice that would be truly be in the interest of the public, rather than the interest of a few media moguls. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.